

# RESOLUTION

## LOUISIANA STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD

### LEGAL AND TITLE CONTROVERSY COMMITTEE

**ON MOTION** of Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Smith, the following resolution was offered and unanimously adopted:

**WHEREAS**, beginning in the early 1930s, mineral lease contracts were executed by and between the State and W. T. Burton, who later transferred a portion of his interest to the Win or Lose Corporation, whose members and stockholders consisted of various public officials; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of those contracts, the assignment of those contracts and the associated rights under those contracts have recently come under public scrutiny by media reports; and

**WHEREAS**, the public disclosure of those media reports and public comment obtained at the May 9, 2012 Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board meeting warrants research and investigation into the validity of the allegations; and

**WHEREAS**, mineral lease contracts, such as those involving Win or Lose Corporation, may not be valid as provided by Civil Code Article 2030, or may be in violation of Article IV, Section 2 of the 1921 Louisiana Constitution or Article IX, Sections 4 and 5 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, or other laws of this state.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board does hereby authorize and request the Attorney General to investigate mineral lease contracts involving the Win or Lose Corporation as well as the assignment of the rights associated with those contracts to determine if those contracts and assignments were valid when originally executed, if those contracts and assignments are currently valid, and whether the royalties and other profits disbursed pursuant to the contracts are recoverable by the state.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Attorney General shall make a written report to the Louisiana Mineral and Energy Board detailing the research, conclusions, and efforts to accomplish these goals prior to January 1, 2013.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Attorney General.

### CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting of the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board in the City of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012, pursuant to due notice, at which meeting a quorum was present, and that said Resolution is duly entered in the Minute Books of said Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board and is now in full force and effect.



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